

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3043
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FUNDS TO WEST BENGAL UNDER AIBP
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that West Bengal is laying emphasis on minor irrigation works to augment the availability of water for irrigation; and

(b) if so, the funds requested by the Government of West Bengal under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programmes (AIBP) and the funds provided by the Union Government to the State Government during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no scheme under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) for minor irrigation in West Bengal and the Government of West Bengal have not requested for any fund under AIBP. Central loan assistance for Surface Minor Irrigation schemes is given under AIBP to special category States and undivided Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK) districts of Orissa only.